

REMARKS

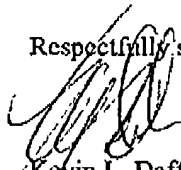
The present amendment merely renumbers the claims (i.e., claim 14 was missing from the originally-filed claims). Renumbered claims 1-24 are pending in the captioned case.

CONCLUSION

The present amendment is believed to obviate the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and places the application in proper form for initial examination. If the Examiner has any questions, comments or suggestions, the undersigned attorney earnestly requests a telephone conference.

No fees are required for filing this amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account No. 03-2769/5298-14001.

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